

REMARKS

Claims 6-11 are pending in the instant application. Claims 6 and 11 are independent. Applicants have canceled claims 1-5 without prejudice and added new claims 6-11. The specification provides support for the new claims. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter issues have been raised.

Conclusion

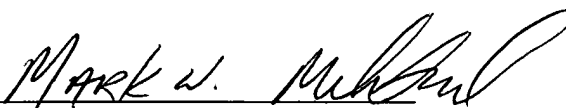
Applicants submit that the present claims define patentable subject matter and are in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that a conference would be helpful in advancing the prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone Applicants' Attorney at the number below.

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